



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Joe Cunningham
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None ☒  
 b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 18, 2020 Return: June 20, 2020  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None ☒
4. Departure City: Charleston, SC Destination: Kuttawa, KY Return City: Charleston, SC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
  - a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
  - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
  - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box:** ☐  
 b. If not, explain: Due to flight availability, Member was originally booked on a one stop flight on June 18, 2020.  
When a direct flight opened up for June 18, 2020, Member flew direct instead.

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER  
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 OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.** I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: Joe Cunningham

Date: 06/30/2020



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
2. Travel Destination(s): Kuttawa, KY
3. Date of Departure: June 18, 2020 Date of Return: June 20, 2020
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Joe Cunningham  
*Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.*
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$458.98	0	0	0
Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/23/2020

Name: Jason Grumet Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

Address: 1225 I Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 703-350-3736 Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.





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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Joseph Cunningham
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Kuttawa, KY
4. a. Date of Departure: June 18, 2020 Date of Return: June 20, 2020  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
Rep. Cunningham will meet with local, commercial fishermen in KY-01. He sponsored a bill on fisheries.  
He will tour a dam with respect to hydropower, which relates to both subcommittees.  
He will meet about tourism, a major economic driver in his district, too. Will also discuss Covid-19 impact.
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box: ☒
3. Check only one. I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: ☐ OR
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: ☐ OR
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☒  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Square One Foundation
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
U.S. Rep. Joseph Cunningham (See addendum)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of Departure: June 18, 2020 Date of Return: June 22, 2020
7.
  - a. City of departure: Washington, DC
  - b. Destination(s): Madisonville, KY
  - c. City of return: Charleston, SC
8. Check only one. I represent that:
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ OR
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ OR
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check only one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ OR
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐ If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:* ☒
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒ **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education: ☐
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
- See addendum
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
- N/A
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$55.00
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: N/A City: N/A Cost Per Night: N/A
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒



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**18. Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	78.00	N/A	70.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$262.12	Rental car/Fuel, Misc. Parking
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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**19. Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: ☒ OR
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐
20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒
21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5/18/2020

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005

Telephone: (202) 218-6778

Email: JGrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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## Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Square One Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):
- a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
- b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. **Check only one:**
- a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
- b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Priscilla Kersten Date: 10/10/19

Name: Priscilla Kersten Title: President

Organization: Square One Foundation

Address: 701 West Erie, Chicago, IL. 60654

Telephone: 312-666-5500 Email: pkersten@squareonefoundation.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address: Chicago, org

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June 10, 2020

The Honorable Joe Cunningham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
423 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Kuttawa, Kentucky, scheduled for June 18 to 20, 2020, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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## **Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form**

### **Item 4: *Representative Joe Cunningham:***

Congressman Cunningham (SC-01) represents South Carolina's Lowcountry, including Charleston, Mt. Pleasant, Kiawah, and Hilton Head.

He serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Among other issues, the Committee on Natural Resources oversees federal conservation programs and establishes renewable energy sources. Rep. Cunningham also serves on the Waters, Oceans, and Wildlife Natural Resources Subcommittee, which oversees the implementation of laws managing domestic fisheries and other marine resources, and the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee.

Congressman Cunningham will have the opportunity to meet with local commercial fishermen in KY-01. He will also tour a dam in the district with respect to hydropower which relates to both of his subcommittees. Both Kentucky and South Carolina are served by the same electric grid. Rep. Cunningham will also have the opportunity to explore transportation and commerce issues on the Ohio River. His committee assignment involves balancing inland waterway commercial needs while also protecting ecosystems and growing the outdoor recreation economy.

The congressman will also be interested in the tourism aspects of a number of the visits slated for KY-01, given the strong impact of tourism in his home district. Additionally, all the visits will give Rep. Cunningham an opportunity to see and understand firsthand how a nearby state is coping with the challenges of Covid-19, across a number of sectors and industries.

### **Item 7 (b):**

## **American Congressional Exchange**

**Joe Cunningham (D-SC-1) visiting James Comer (R-KY-1), June 18-19, 2020**

### **Thurs., June 18**

4:45 p.m. EDT

Dep. DCA, SWA #1226 (Comer, Cunningham)

5:35 p.m. CDT

Arr. BNA

6:00 p.m.

Drive to Patti's 1880's Settlement Restaurant, 1793 JH O'Bryan Ave., Grand Rivers, KY

7:50

Dinner (pre-ordered).

8:35

Drive to Kuttawa Harbor, 1709 Lake Barkeley Dr., Kuttawa

8:45

Arrive at boat launch and meet with fishermen.

Lead by: Lyon County Executive Judge Wade White.

Asian carp, which are found in the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers in the Kentucky First Congressional District, were first introduced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 1963 as a way to control aquatic weeds and phytoplankton. Unfortunately, due to flooding and accidental releases, the carp, with no natural predators, have reproduced exponentially, feeding on the bottom of the food chain. They pose a tremendous threat to native fish and the natural ecosystems of these bodies of water, and the economies that depend on those fish.

Working with federal agencies like the USFWS, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as the Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources, solutions have been developed that are making an impact on the growth of Asian carp. These include commercial solutions which involve harvesting with nets and enhancing the carp processing business; and recreational solutions involving carp fishing tournaments, often with bows.

Rep. Cunningham serves on the Waters, Oceans, and Wildlife Natural Resources Subcommittee, which oversees the implementation of laws managing domestic fisheries and other marine resources. Rep. Cunningham will be introduced to local commercial fishermen and then they will take a tour by boat led by Lyon County Executive Judge Wade White.

- 9:05 Boat tour of Cumberland River and area lakes to learn about invasive Asian Carp species. Observe night time commercial and recreational fishing of Asian carp.
- 9:45 Return to boat dock.
- 10:00 Rep. Cunningham drives to Judge Bill and Paula Cunningham home,  
Perman & Richter drive to Maple Hill B&B, for  
check-in.
- 10:15 Arr. Cunningham home/hotel check-in.

**Fri., June 19**

7:40 a.m.

Drive to Baptist Health-Madisonville, 900 Hospital Dr., Madisonville

8:30

Tour of Madisonville Community College (MCC) Simulation Hospital.

Lead by: Dr. Cynthia Kelley, President; Dr. Jay Parrent, Vice President; Rob Ramey, President, Baptist Health-Madisonville

With the U.S. economy in painful condition, the importance of workforce training and education is paramount. South Carolina has a technical

college system with several campuses his district including Trident Technical College (Charleston) and Technical College of the Low-Country (Beaufort). Rep. Comer serves on the Higher Education and Workforce Education and Labor Subcommittee. This visit provides a timely opportunity to understand the education programs that are most effective in preparing both young people and displaced workers.

The two members will learn about MCC's health science programming, simulation training, and will discuss the future impact of COVID-19 on college programming. One specific area of interest is the training of students in skills directly related to COVID-19 treatment and care.

Attending will be: Dr. Cynthia Kelley, President; Dr. Jay Parrent, Vice President; Rob Ramey, President, Baptist Health-Madisonville; and Shannon Allen, MCC Simulation Training Coordinator.

9:00 Drive to Madisonville Community College North Campus,  
2000 College Drive, Madisonville

9:10 Tour Brown Badgett Center for Energy and Advanced Technology

Lead by: President Kelley; Mike Davenport, MCC Workforce Solutions Director; and Matt Luckett, Applied Technology Department Chair

The visit continues with a discussion of advanced integrated technology training, miner training, and career and technical education partnerships. Attending will be President Kelley; Mike Davenport, MCC Workforce Solutions Director; and Matt Luckett, Applied Technology Department Chair.

9:45 Drive to Kentucky Dam Visitors Center, 640 Kentucky Dam Rd.,  
Grand Rivers.

10:45 Visit TVA Kentucky Dam.  
Lead by: TVA Government Relations Manager, Virginia Bishop Gray,  
270-484-0470.

Kentucky Dam is a hydroelectric dam on the Tennessee River, which opened in 1944 and was built by the Tennessee Valley Authority. The dam is the longest in the TVA system and the reservoir, which stretches 184 miles across KY and TN, is the largest in the eastern U.S. Its five generating units have a net summer capacity of 233 MW.

Both of the Natural Resources Subcommittees (Waters, Oceans, and Wildlife; and Energy & Mineral Resources) that Rep. Cunningham serves on work with issues concerning hydropower. Both South Carolina and Kentucky are served by the same electric grid in the SERC region of the Eastern Connection. TVA feeds electricity to this grid. The river waters that the two congressmen navigated the previous night are the result of the dam's reservoir.



The two congressmen will tour the dam from above the reservoir and then discuss electric reliability issues with TVA Government Relations Manager, Virginia Bishop Gray.

11:15 Drive to Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, 300 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Paducah

11:45 a.m. Paducah Area COC Virtual Luncheon event.

Lead by: Chamber President Sandra Wilson.

What had planned to be a major public policy luncheon is now a virtual event that will be streamed live to more than 250 members of the regional business community. The two congressmen will have a conversation, moderated by Chamber President Sandra Wilson about what steps the business community is collectively taking to simultaneously protect employees and customers while also planning for the eventual re-opening of the local economy. The discussion will also focus on how federal assistance programs are working (or not) to address the sudden rise in unemployment and decline in other key economic indicators. Finally, Reps. Cunningham and Comer will address the key sectors of Paducah's economy (advanced manufacturing, creative industries, health, professional services, and river industries) and talk about strategies that the federal government can support to rebuild employment and business. Rep. Cunningham will also offer some of the recovery strategies and tactics that the Charleston, SC region is undertaking. The online audience will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

1:30 Drive to downtown Paducah, meeting point TBD.

1:40 Tour of downtown Paducah, visiting retail, craft shops, museums.

Lead by: Mary Hammond, Executive Director, Paducah CVB

The United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated Paducah, Kentucky a Creative City in 2013 for the City's important role in the connectivity of cultures through creativity. Since then, tourism in Paducah generates over \$30M in direct expenditures, supports over 3,000 jobs, and attracts visitors from over 40 countries. Also, Paducah's Artist Relocation Program has attracted working artists of all types to participate in the City's creative energy and reside in its oldest residential neighborhood, Lower Town.

Reps. Cunningham and Comer will visit with retail store owners, art galleries and studios, and the National Quilt Museum to discuss how Paducah has leveraged federal funding for: its Riverfront Improvement Infrastructure Improvement Project, flood control (Army Corps of Engineers), and other grants for arts and culture. The walking tour will be led by the Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau. Much of the conversation is expected to be concentrate on strategies the community is using to bring tourism back to Paducah following the COVID-19 outbreak.

2:40 Drive to Hotel Metropolitan Historic Site

2:50 Hotel Metropolitan Historic Site.

Lead by: Hotel Director Betty Dobson

During the era of segregation, the Hotel Metropolitan in Paducah was a safe haven for traveling African Americans not welcome in lodging elsewhere. The hotel became known for hosting musical legends like Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles and Billie Holliday. Reps. Cunningham and Comer will walk through the same doors today to gain a better understanding of the struggles traveling African Americans faced, and learn how this welcoming place not only provided guests a bed, but also “a front door dignity”. Hotel Director Betty Dobson will lead the brief tour and meeting at this historic landmark which is being renovated. The two congressmen will compare the strategies being undertaken in Charleston, SC and Paducah that focus on the African-American experience in their respective cities.

3:15 Drive to Barge & Ohio River operations.

3:25 Barge and Ohio River operations visit.

Lead by: Mr. Matt Ricketts, President, Crounse Corporation, 270-444-9611; Justin Dickens, Manager, Risk and Administration

River transportation and commerce is a major part of the Western KY economy along the Ohio River. More than 20 barge companies have their operating or corporate headquarters in Paducah. The city is at the center of waterways linking Pittsburgh, Mobile, the Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans, St. Louis and Minneapolis/St. Paul. Only New Orleans has a bigger inland river presence. With access to four navigable rivers, Paducah is considered a national hub for river transport. It is the only port facility that is located where four major eastern rivers converge in America’s heartland. Located at the confluence of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, the Ohio River and the Cumberland River, the Port is less than 50 miles from the Mississippi River.

In 2017, the city of Paducah opened a 340-foot transient boat dock that provides space for transient boaters to tie up for a few hours or several nights, increasing tourism in the city. Amenities include fuel (diesel and marine grade gasoline), water, power pedestals, and a sewer pumpout station.

Reps. Cunningham and Comer will meet with leaders at the Crounse Corporation. Since 1948, Crounse Corporation has been a leader in the river transportation industry. Today, it employs over 300 people, operate a fleet of 34 towboats and over 1100 barges, and transport over 30 million tons of cargo each year along the U.S. Inland Waterways. Crounse has become one of the largest carriers of dry bulk commodities on the inland river system.

Rep. Cunningham's appointment to the Natural Resources Waters, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee involves balancing inland waterway commercial needs while also protecting ecosystems and growing the outdoor recreation economy. Rep. Comer is the ranking member of the House Oversight and Reform Environment Subcommittee, which works to make sure federal monies slated for inland waterway improvements are efficiently spent and meet their objectives.

5:00 Drive to Silent Brigade Distillery, 426 Broadway St.

5:10 Tour and tasting at Distillery.

Kentucky crafts 95% of the world's supply of bourbon and is an \$8.5 billion industry generating 17,500 jobs with an annual payroll of \$800 million. Silver Brigade opened in 2014 and became the first distillery in Paducah since before Prohibition, when the town had more than 14 distilleries. The wheat style whiskey uses a manufacturing process of producing the bourbon using a 1930's era mill and exemplifies the growing craft component of bourbon making.

Reps. Cunningham and Comer will discuss the ramifications of the recent tax bills on the spirits industry, and will view the company's new hand sanitizer operation for which there continues to be high demand. In addition, the two members will learn about the traditions as well as the new technologies being employed by Silver Brigade.

6:00 Drive to Hertz Car Rental, Gilbertsville to drop car.

6:30 Drop off car at Lamb's Auto Body, 6847 US Highway 641 North, Gilbertsville

6:35 Drive to Judge Bill and Paula Cunningham home, 629 Dogwood Dr., Kuttawa

6:50 Arrive for video interview.

7:10 Dinner at Cunningham home. Trip ends.

### **Mon., June 22**

7:10 am Depart BNA for Charleston.

**Note:** Rep. Cunningham will be personally paying for his return flight to SC.

**Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center:*** The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.



As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
- Once they listen to each other, they often learn they actually have more in common than meets the eye – and if they can see each other in that vein, impactful legislation can be achieved.
- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveler on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

***Square One Foundation (Grantmaking Trip Sponsor):*** Square One is a Chicago-based foundation focused on economic development, education, and Congressional reform issues. It takes a specific interest in finding ways for Members of Congress to engage in bipartisan activities. Square One will play no role in organizing or conducting the trip.

The congressional district KY-01 affords Congressman Cunningham a variety of learning opportunities relevant to his home district and his committee assignments. Natural resources, energy, tourism, and the need for economic development are among the features of KY-01 that are analogous to SC-01.

As noted above, Congressman Cunningham will have the opportunity to meet with local commercial fishermen, tour a dam in the district with respect to hydropower, see transportation and commerce issues firsthand on the Ohio River, and gain perspectives on economic development challenges and innovations.

Also as referenced, this trip should be among the first opportunities Congressman Cunningham has to see and hear what is working, and where the challenges remain, with respect to local renewal, reopening and rebuilding following the Covid-19 closures. He will be able to learn any innovative approaches that local chambers of commerce are instituting, as well as determine any shared areas between the two districts where significant gaps in assistance remain.

Visited Rep. Comer in Kentucky, June 18 – 20. Arrived to Nashville the afternoon of June 18, drove to Kuttawah, KY and had dinner with Rep. Comer at Hu-B's followed by a Boat Tour to see Asian Carp. On June 19, drove to Madisonville Community College, then drove to TVA Kentucky Dam. We toured the dam and learned about it. We then drove to Paducah for lunch at the Paducah Chamber of Commerce. We then toured downtown Paducah. We then drove to the historic Hotel Metropolitan and talked to them for a bit. We then visited the Barge and Ohio River operations center and learned about their issues. We then drove to the Silent Brigade Distillery and saw how they had converted their distillery into a hand sanitizer operation. Rep. Comer and his staff attended throughout.